Setting up of a telephone exchange at Jaunpur, U.P.

811. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision had been taken to set up a telephone exchange at Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh and equipment was also brought for the purpose;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which the equipment has been taken away from that city;

(c) whether Government are aware of grievances of the subscribers and delay in their disposal because the regional office is far away in Mirzapur; and

(d) whether it is proposed to be shifted to Jaunpur or a more senior officer is proposed to be posted there.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) An automatic telephone exchange is already working at Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) An officer of the rank of SDO Telegraphs is posted at Jaunpur. No other higher rank officer is presently justified as per department's norms and standards.

Waiting list of telephone connection in Tamil Nadu

812. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons in waiting list for telephone connections category-wise, in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) by when the waiting list is likely to be cleared?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Waiting List as on 31.1.1992.

(i) OYT	19,791
(ii) Non-OYT-Special	15,651
(iii) Non-OYT General	193,372
TOTAL	228,820

(b) As per draft 8th Plan proposals expansion programme are being drawn with an objective:

— to provide telephone connections practically on demand in rural and tribal areas;

— waiting period for telephone connections not to exceed two years at other places.

Accordingly, the persons on the waiting list will be provided telephone connections progressively during the 8th Plan.

Expansion of telecom projects

813. SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited has drawn up any plan to accelerate the pace of expansion of telecom projects;

(b) if so, how many electronic exchange lines will be added in this year;

(c) by what time the waiting list will be finished in Delhi and other States particularly in Karnataka; and

(d) whether Government are planning to increase the number of free calls and also rate of per call?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the current financial year ending 31.3.92, a total of 1 lakh electronic exchange lines are planned to be added in Delhi. In Bombay, a total of 1,77,500 electronic exchange lines are planned to be added during this financial year 1991-92.

(c) As enclosed in Statement. (*See below*).

(d) No, Sir.

Statement

The department of Telecommunication has formulated draft 8th Five Year Plan (1992-97) for telecom development and by the end of the plan period, it is envisaged to:—

— Provide telephone connections practically on demand in rural area and tribal areas.

— Waiting period for telephone connections not to exceed two years in large telephone systems.

Accordingly expansion programmes are being drawn to provide telephone connections to persons in waiting list in Delhi, Karnataka and other States, progressively during 8th Five Year Plan period.

Expansion of speed post facilities

814. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various Cities and Towns in the country which have been provided with the speed post facilities;

(b) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to introduce speed post services to some more cities/towns during 1992-93;

(c) what are the names of towns and cities in Orissa which have been provided with such facilities, so far and also proposed to be introduced speed post facilties in 1992-93; and

(d) what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) A list of various cities/towns in the country which have been provided with speed post facilities is enclosed in the Statement attachtd. (*See below*).

(b) No, Sir. There is no proposal for the present to Introduce speed post service to more cities/towns.

(c) Speed Post facility is available in the following cities/towns in Orissa:

Under national network — Bhubaneshwar and Cuttack.

Under Point to Point Service — Rourkela, Baripada, Balasore, Puri. Berhampur, Balangir, Paradeep, Sambalpur.

There is no proposal to introduce Speed Post Service in any city/town of Orissa for the present.

(d) In view of (c) above question does not arise.